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**Chapter 62 / Idiotic, Useless, and
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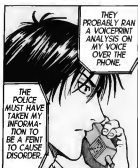
...BUT THE CIVILIANS WEREN'T EVACUATED. NOW THE SHOPS ARE STILL OPEN LIKE ALWAYS.

THEY STRENGTHENED SECURITY AT THE TWO BUILDINGS...



...BUT I'M HEADING OVER TO ONE OF THOSE BUILDINGS NOW.

THEY WANT TO ARREST ME ALONG WITH THE GROUP THAT REMAINS...



THEY PROBABLY RAN A VOICEPRINT ANALYSIS ON MY VOICE OVER THE PHONE.

THE POLICE MUST HAVE TAKEN MY INFORMATION TO BE A FEINT TO CAUSE DISORDER.



CLIK
WAIT A SECOND, WHICH OF THE TWO BUILDINGS ARE YOU--



IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET CAUGHT BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES...

...YOU'LL HELP ME.





YOU
HAVE TO
HELP US!

WITH YOU
INCLUDED,
THERE ARE
ONLY FIVE
OF US
ON THIS.



SHE'S
INSANE!

AT ANY
RATE, WHAT
IS THAT
WOMAN
THINKING?



BUT
SHE'S A
TERRORIST
HERSELF.
ISN'T
SHE?

ARE YOU
SAYING
MAYBE
GUILT HAS
CHANGED
HER
THINKING?



...BUT WHY
WOULD
SHE DO
SOMETHING
TO BETRAY
HER
COMRADES?

IF YOU TOLD
ME SHE WANTED
REVENGE FOR
THE VILLAGE
BEING RAZED--
THAT I COULD
UNDERSTAND...



"TO
END THE
CHAIN
OF
TERROR-
ISM"...

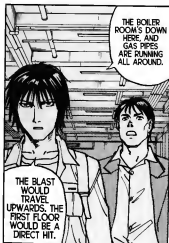
...





...AT THE
SECOND
LOCATION,
THE
XINHUA
DEPART-
MENT
STORE.

IT SEEMS
KANNA-
ZAROV
AND THE
OTHERS
HAVE
JUST
ARRIVED



THE BOILER
ROOM'S DOWN
HERE, AND
GAS PIPES
ARE RUNNING
ALL AROUND.

THE BLAST
WOULD
TRAVEL
UPWARDS. THE
FIRST FLOOR
WOULD BE A
DIRECT HIT.



AND
BEFORE
THE
POLICE
DO?!

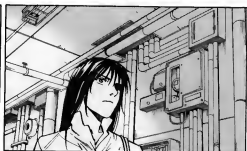
HOW
THE HELL
ARE THE
TWO OF US
SUPPOSED
TO FIND HER
IN HERE?

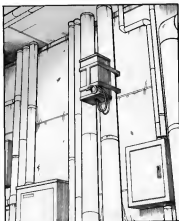


HERE.
UNDER-
GROUND.

MISTER ASAI,
WHERE WOULD
YOU SET UP A
BOMB IN THIS
PLACE?







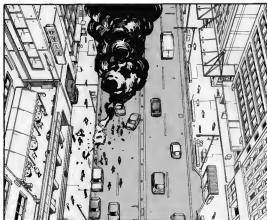












THANKS TO
SOMEONE
INFORMING
THE POLICE
ABOUT OUR
PLANS...

...A FEINT
WAS
NECESSARY.



...A CAR
PARKED
OUTSIDE THE
XINHUADA
JUST
EXPLODED.

RIGHT
ABOUT
NOW...



NOW THE
POLICE BOMB
SQUADS WILL
FLOCK TO
THE XINHUADA.

ANY-
WAY...









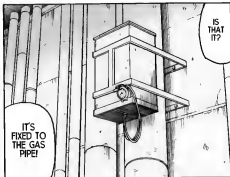








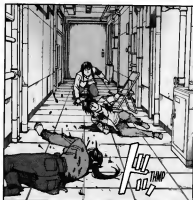






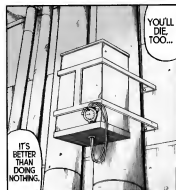


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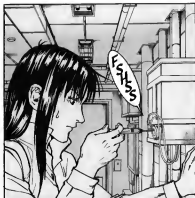






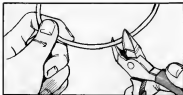






CUT THAT OTHER ONE FIRST...

LEAVE THOSE... TIL AFTER.



DON'T RELAX YET...TWO MORE...

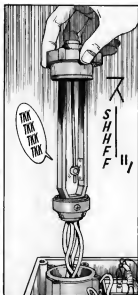
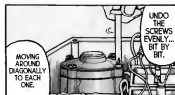
SHAHHAH



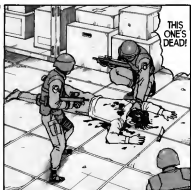
THE MAIN TWO ARE A DIGITAL TIMER AND A VIBRATION TRIGGER.

ALL WE DID JUST NOW WAS SWITCH OFF A SUB-DETONATOR.





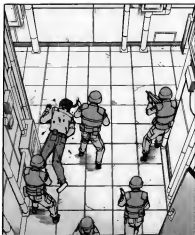




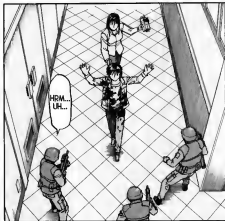




SHE'S DEAD!







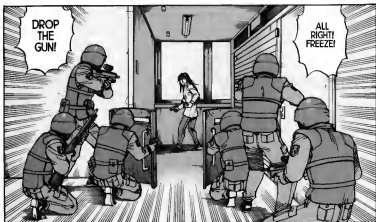


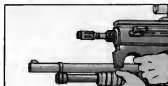


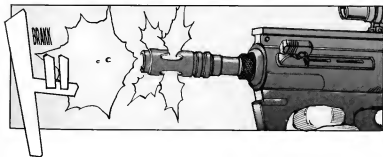




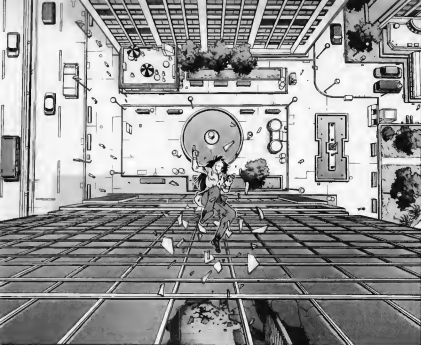


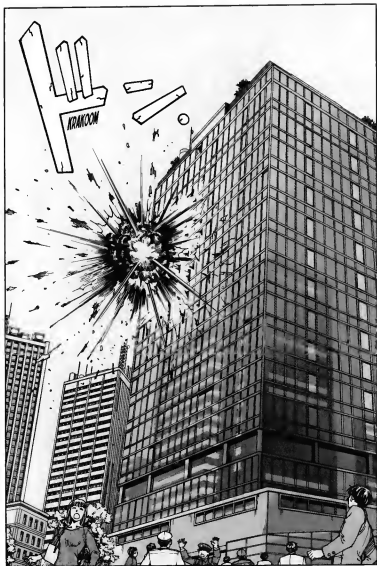




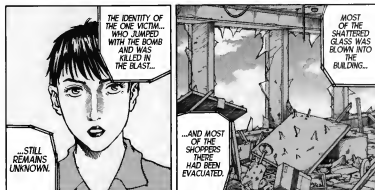
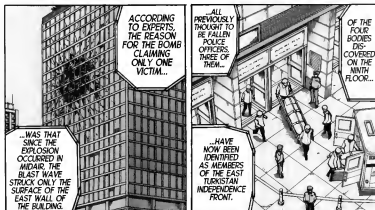














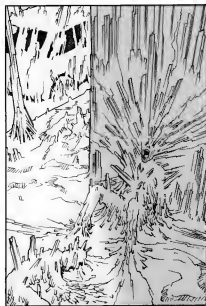


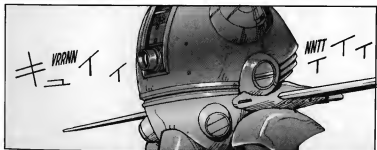
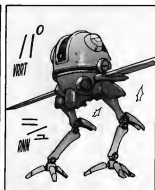






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INCREAS-
ING
RESOLU-
TION.

COLLECTING
ATMOS-
PHERIC
SAMPLE



EXPANSION
OF THE
COLLOID
DOMAIN
STOPPED...

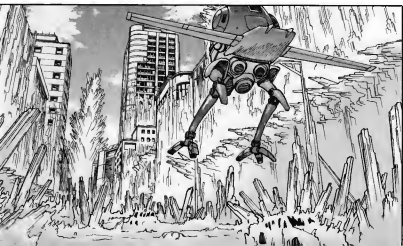
...FIVE
DAYS
AGO.



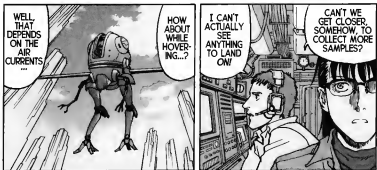
WE'VE BEEN
UNABLE TO
FIND ANY
FACTOR THAT
WOULD HAVE
STOPPED THE
COLLOID'S
INCURSION.

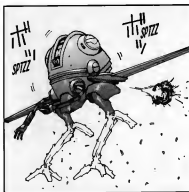
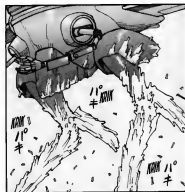
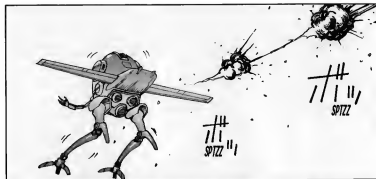
IN OTHER
WORDS,
IT'S
SOMETHING
INTERNAL
THAT DID
IT.



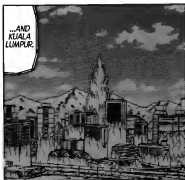












...AND
KUALA
LUMPUR.



...LOS
ANGELES



...USHERED IN
DRAMATIC
CHANGE. IT'S
TRANSFORMED
EACH OF
THESE
CITIES...

IN
JUST TWO
MONTHS--
AT THESE SIX
LOCATIONS
AROUND THE
WORLD--THE
CLOSURE
VIRUS HAS
AGAIN...

FBN



...AND
ATTEMPTS
BY THE
WHO TO
INVESTIGATE
THE
COLLOIDS
USING
ROBOTS
WERE ALL
FAILURES.

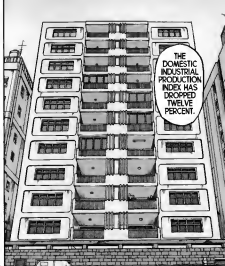


...WITH
SO-CALLED
"COLLOID
DOMAINS,"
WHICH ARE
DORMANT AT
PRESENT.

THE
NUMBER
OF DEAD IS
PRESUMED
TO BE
IN EXCESS
OF TWO
MILLION...

WHO: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION













WE'VE
DONE THE
ABSOLUTE
BEST WE CAN
IN TERMS OF
TREATMENT,
BUT...

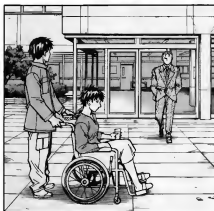


...WITH
A CYBORG
CONVERSION,
THE POSSIBILITY
OF HER
WALKING AGAIN
IS FIFTY
PERCENT.

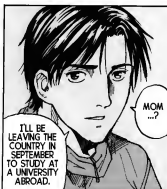


AND
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...

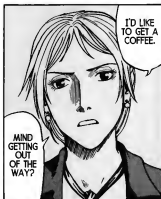
HOWEVER,
THAT WOULD
REQUIRE
THE CONSENT
OF THE
PATIENT.



















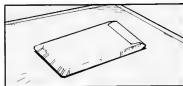


--TRIPLE
ROLE.

I'M
TIRED OF
PLAYING
A DOUBLE.
NO--

WELL,
TO TELL
THE
TRUTH...

FISH
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ウ



SURE.

...I WILL
CHECK THE
CONTENTS
MYSELF
FIRST.



GIVE
IT TO
ELIJAH
FOR ME.

WHAT'S
THIS?



...FOR
THE BOTH
OF US.

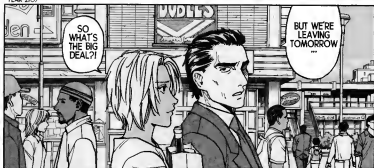
IT'S
"INSUR-
ANCE" ...



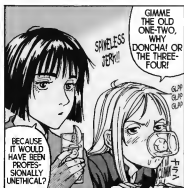




*YEAR 2107













NO NEED
FOR THAT.

SHOULD
I MESS
UP THE
ROOM?



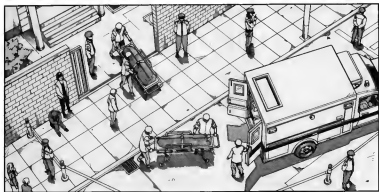
...WILL
INTERPRET
THIS TO
OUR CON-
VENIENCE.

THE
POLICE...



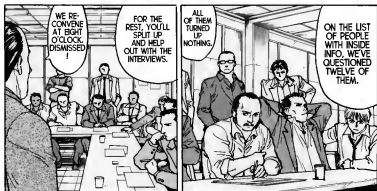
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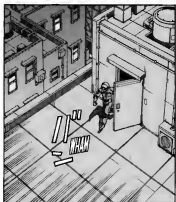


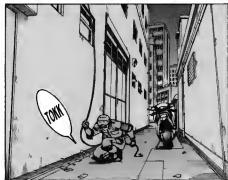










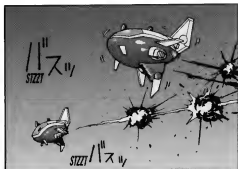


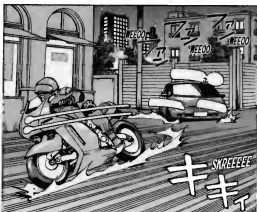














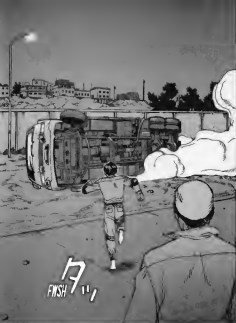








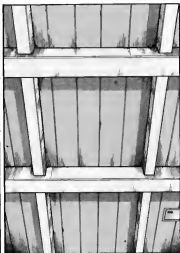




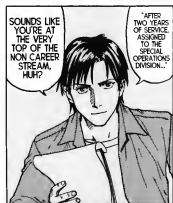
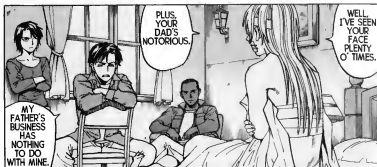




Chapter 66 / Disclosure Virus



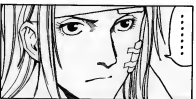


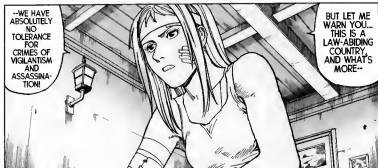


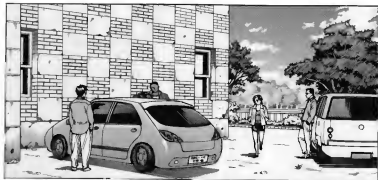
NGO: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. ONE OF MANY WHICH SUPPORT AND REPRESENT A WIDE RANGE OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.







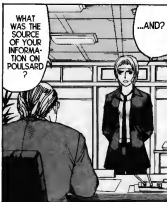


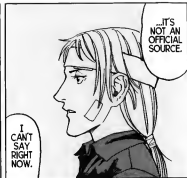














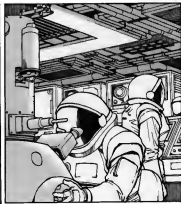
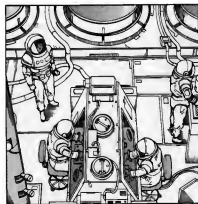


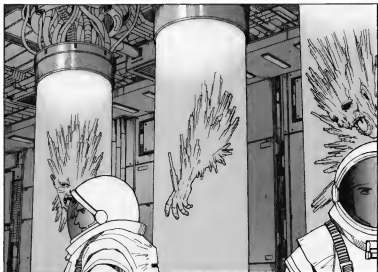


OUTSIDE PERTH, AUSTRALIA...



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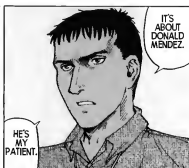


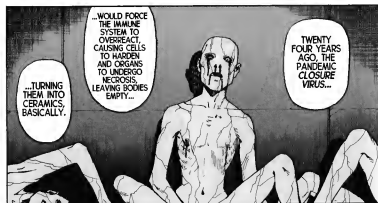


DECON SHOWER
WASHING











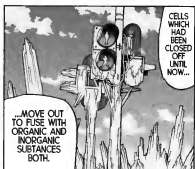
...THE INVADIED CELLS CONVERSELY BECOME UNABLE TO DISCRIMINATE "SELF" FROM "OTHER" AND BEGIN WORKING OUTWARDS.

BUT NOW, ONCE THE SYMPTOMS PROGRESS TO A CERTAIN STAGE...



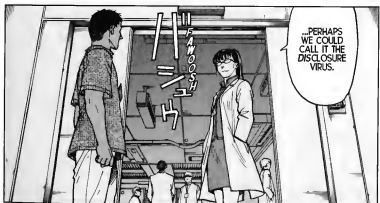
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY...

...THIS TIME...



CELLS WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED OFF UNTIL NOW...

...MOVE OUT TO FUSE WITH ORGANIC AND INORGANIC SUBSTANCES BOTH.

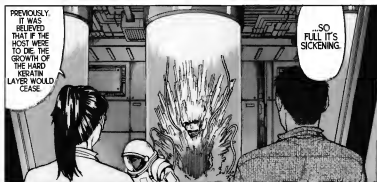


...PERHAPS WE COULD CALL IT THE DISCLOSURE VIRUS.



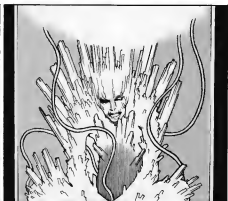
...OF
THE P4
RESEARCH
LAB WITHOUT
HAVING TO
WEAR
SAFETY
SUITS.

HERE,
WE HAVE
A FULL
VIEW...

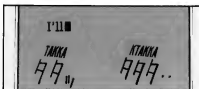
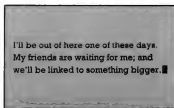


PREVIOUSLY,
IT WAS
BELIEVED
THAT IF THE
HOST WERE
TO DIE, THE
GROWTH OF
THE HARD
KERATIN
LAYER WOULD
CEASE.

...SO
FULL IT'S
SICKENING.

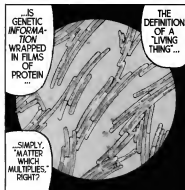


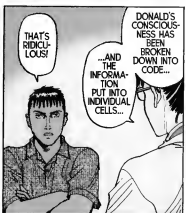








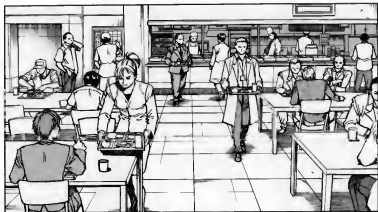


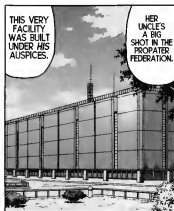




Chapter 67 / Escape







YOU HAVE
TO BUILD
IT SOME-
WHERE.

YOU
NEED A
FACILITY
TO DO
RE-
SEARCH.

RUMOR
?

IF YOU
HAVE TO
EXPLAIN EVERY
LITTLE DETAIL
TO ALL THE
RESIDENTS, IT
WON'T GET BUILT
ANYWHERE!

THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT
HAPPENED,
RIGHT?

NOT
AT ALL.

THEIR
OBJECTIONS
ARE
LEGITIMATE.

IN CASE
OF AN
EMER-
GENCY...

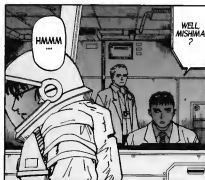
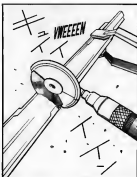
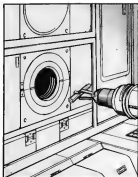
IT'D
BE A
DISASTER IF
THE VIRUS
LEAKED
OUT.

...BURIED
BENEATH
THE LAB
WOULD BURN
THE VIRUS
AWAY.

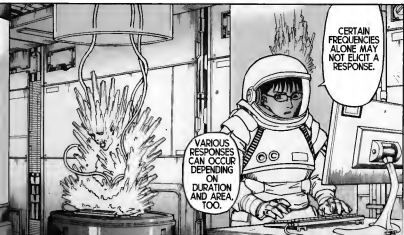
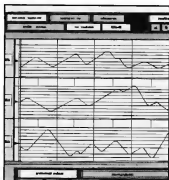
...THE
TWENTY
TONS OF
TNT AND
NAPALM
JELLY...



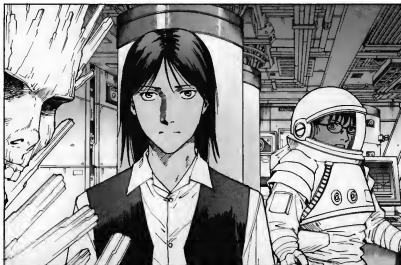


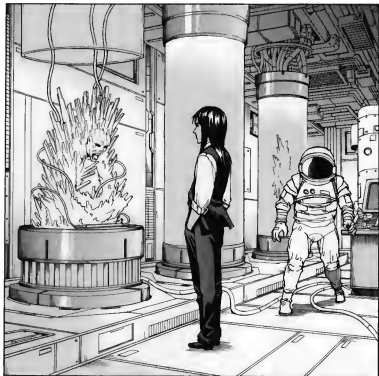


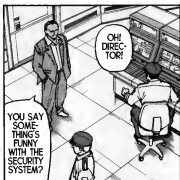
WELL
MUSHIMA
?



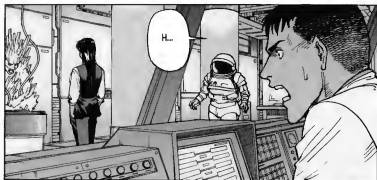
VARIOUS
RESPONSES
CAN OCCUR
DEPENDING
ON
DURATION
AND AREA,
TOO.

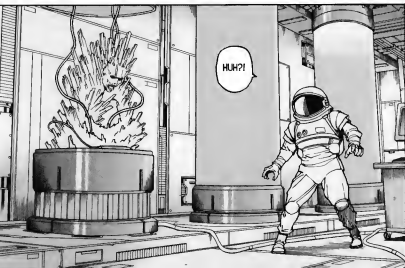
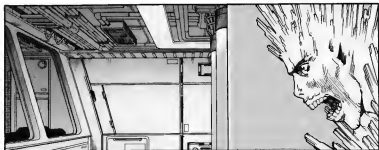




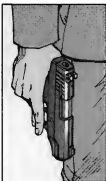
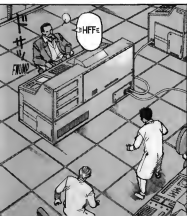
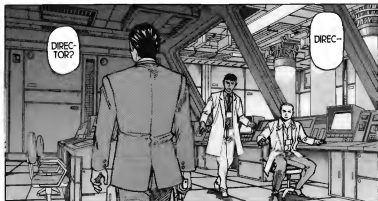




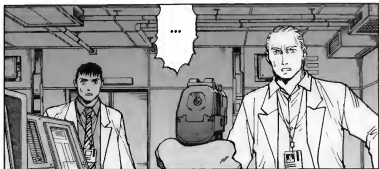


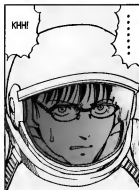




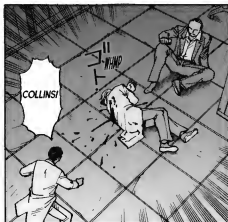
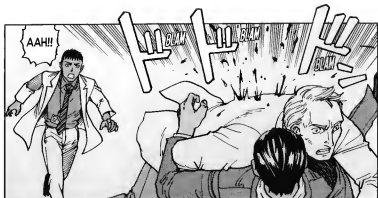


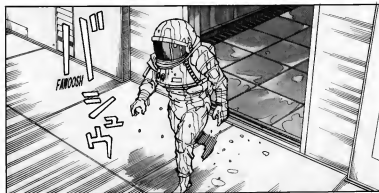
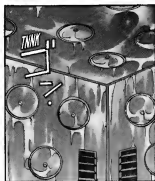






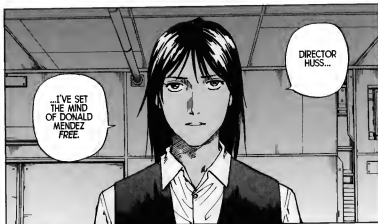














WE DIDN'T
HAVE A
PARTICULARLY
GOOD
RELATION-
SHIP...

...BUT HE
CHOSE
TO GO TO
MEDICAL
SCHOOL,
JUST
LIKE
I DID.



TWO
MONTHS
AGO...

...MY SON
DIED OF THE
DISCLOSURE
VIRUS...



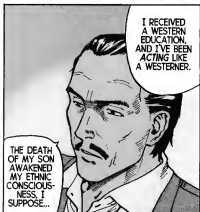
...WHERE HE
EXPRESSED HIS
ANGER AGAINST THE
INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT FOR
CONSPIRING WITH
THE PROPATER
FEDERATION AND
HINDERING MEDICAL
ACCESS.

HE WAS
DISPATCHED
TO MY OWN
HOMELAND
OF ACEH...



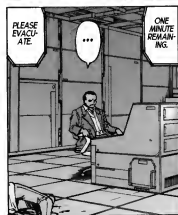
THE
WORLD IS
OVER-
FLOWING
WITH IN-
EQUALITY
...

...AND I'M
A PART
OF THAT,
TOO.



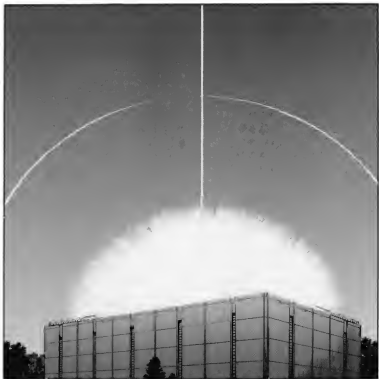
I RECEIVED
A WESTERN
EDUCATION,
AND I'VE BEEN
ACTING LIKE
A WESTERNER.

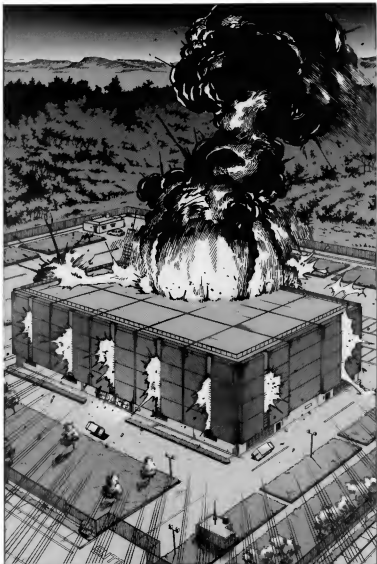
THE DEATH
OF MY SON
AWAKENED
MY ETHNIC
CONSCIOUS-
NESS, I
SUPPOSE...











Chapter 68 / Please Trust Me







MY
ATTRACTION
TO
LEONARDO



I'LL
ADMIT IT,
I'M A
SIMPLE
PERSON.

...WAS
PROBABLY
BECAUSE
HE
RESEMBLED
MY
FATHER.



MY FATHER
WAS
ENGLISH
AND A
SOLDIER
IN THE
SAS.

WHEN I
WAS TEN, HE
WAS SHOT
AND KILLED
IN SOME
COUNTRY
I'D NEVER
HEARD OF.

SAS: BRITISH SPECIAL AIR SERVICE.

TO
ME, MY
FATHER
WAS A
HERO.

I WANTED
TO BECOME
STRONG, AND
I LEARNED
MARTIAL
ARTS.

MY MOTHER
TOOK ME
WITH HER
BACK TO THE
COUNTRY
WHERE SHE
WAS BORN.

SHE'D
GOTTEN
SICK OF
LIVING IN
ENGLAND.



A
NEWSPAPER
REPORTER
WHO ACTED
LIKE AN
INTELLECTUAL.





ONE DAY,
HE TRIED
TO PEEP IN
ON ME IN THE
SHOWER.

I SNAPPED
AND BROKE
HIS NOSE
WITH A
MUAY
THAI-LOADED
KNEE.



I FELT
LIKE SHE'D
ABANDONED
ME.

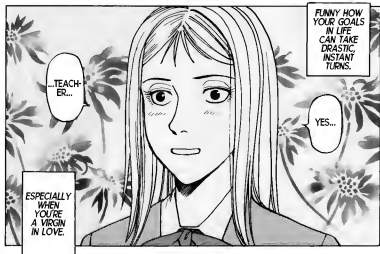
SPECIAL
FORCES
?

IN THE
ARMY
?



MY
MOTHER
BLAMED
ME...

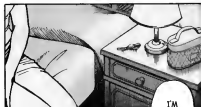
...AND
I GOT
DUMPED
INTO A
BOARDING
SCHOOL.





I PLANNED
TO OFFER
MY VIRGINITY
TO HIM ONCE I
GRADUATED
FROM SCHOOL.

WE
STARTED
MEETING
ROMAN-
TICALLY
IN SECRET.



I'M
SEPARATED
FROM
MY WIFE
NOW.



THEN
IT
HAP-
PENED.





WHY DID
HE START
OFF BY
SAYING
THAT?

THINKING
ABOUT
IT TOO
MUCH, I
WENT DRY.



YOU
OKAY?

AH!

OWW!
NN!



I'M
SORRY.

HE
COULDN'T
GET IT IN.



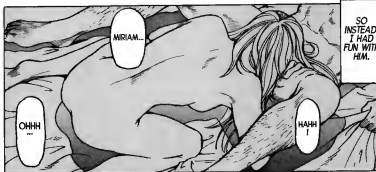
SOMEHOW
IT FELT
LIKE HE
WAS
MAKING
FUN OF
ME.



HE
WAS ALL
GROWN-UP
ABOUT IT.

YOU
WERE
WONDER-
FUL.

IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT.

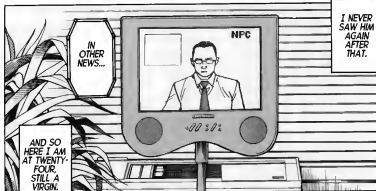


MIRIAM...

OHhh

HAHH
I

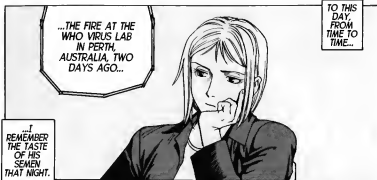
SO
INSTEAD,
I HAD
FUN WITH
HIM.



IN
OTHER
NEWS...

AND SO
HERE I AM
AT TWENTY-
FOUR,
STILL A
VIRGIN.

I NEVER
SAW HIM
AGAIN
AFTER
THAT.



...THE FIRE AT THE
WHO VIRUS LAB
IN PERTH,
AUSTRALIA, TWO
DAYS AGO...

TO THIS
DAY,
FROM
TIME TO
TIME...

...I
REMEMBER
THE TASTE
OF HIS
SEMEN
THAT NIGHT.



BIG
RUCKUS
IN YOUR
HOMELAND,
HUH?

MACI

...ACCORDING TO
REPORTS
BY THE
TWO
SURVIVORS
...

...THE FIRE
WAS CAUSED
BY THE LAB'S
DIRECTOR,
DAVID
HUSS...



I
HEAR THE
CENTRAL
ASIAN
FOOD
CRISIS IS
GETTING
WORSE.

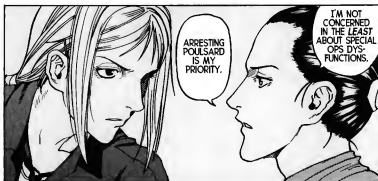
IT'LL
AFFECT
RELIEF AID,
THOUGH,
HUH?



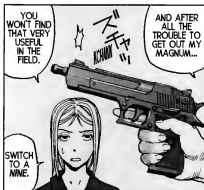
WELL, THE
VIRUS WAS
INCINERATED
BY THE
NAPALM,
WASN'T IT?

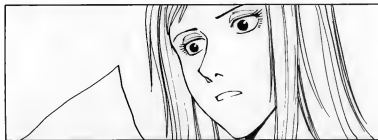
I THINK
THEY'LL
BE FINE.

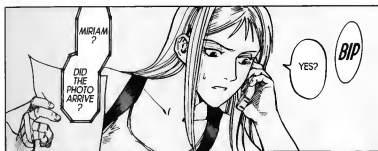
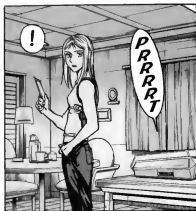


















IN OTHER WORDS ...



WHAT IF YOU LOOKED AT IT THAT WAY?



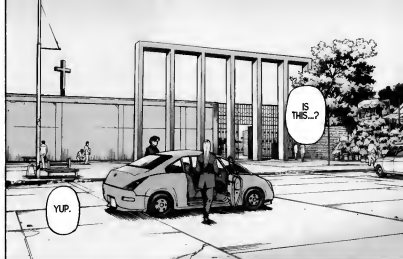
YOU'RE DIS-APPOINTED HE SHIELDED YOU LIKE A PRINCESS?

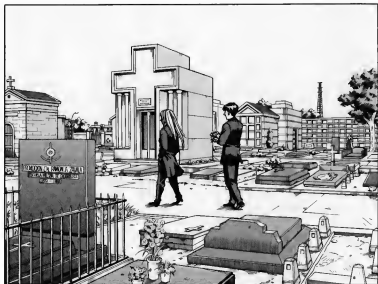
SO WHO'S THAT IN THE PHOTO WITH HIM?

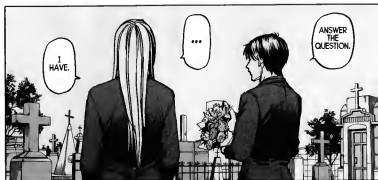


SHE'LL KNOW RIGHT AWAY.



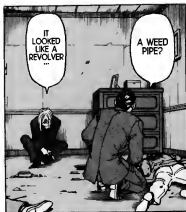




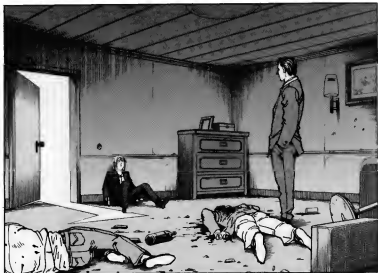












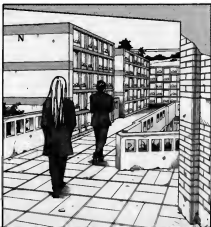
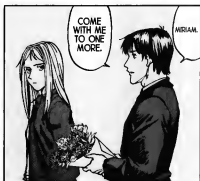
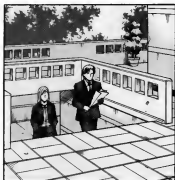
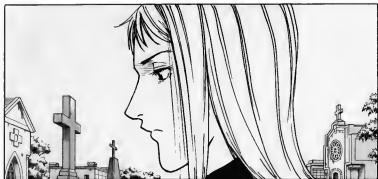
I WAS
AWARDED
A MEDAL
FOR THE
BUST...

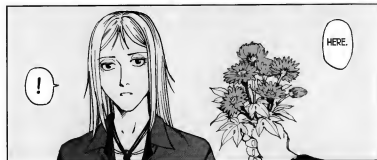
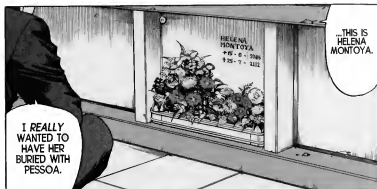
...AND
PRO-
MOTED
TO
SERGEANT.

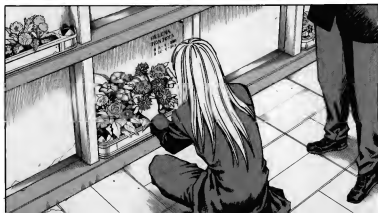
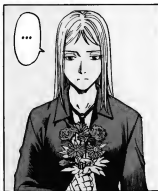


GREAT
JOB!

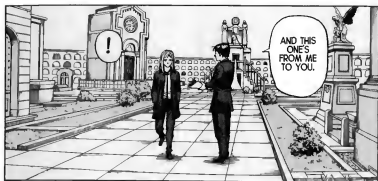
YOU
JUST
BAGGED
A BIG
FISH!



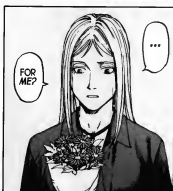


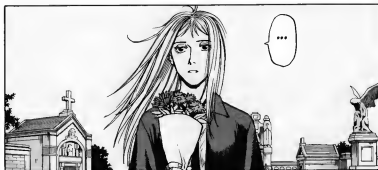






WELL THEN.





HIROKI ENDO'S EDEN CHRONOLOGY AND GLOSSARY



A BRIEF EDEN CHRONOLOGY

- 2060** First discovery of the Closure Virus in South Africa.
- 2066** The WHO (World Health Organization) declares the world to be in a state of emergency.
- 2069** In the US Virgin Islands, a biosphere research team cuts off contact with the outside world.
- 2070** Ennoia Ballard is born.
Hannah Mayall is born.
- 2075** Cherubim runs amok, wrecking the biosphere facility.
Morris Layne, Ennoia, and Hannah live in the destroyed facility.
- 2086** World population drops considerably.
The UN crumbles. The Propater Federation is established, with the aim of restoring a new order.
The Propater Federation squad sent to overrun the biosphere facility is intercepted by Cherubim.
Chris Ballard dies.
Morris Layne dies.
Ennoia and Hannah escape the island and join up with other refugees in the Gulf of Panama.
- 2087** Ennoia and Hannah are accepted as refugees in the Port of Callao (Peru).
- 2093** Elijah Ballard is born.
- 2096** Mana Ballard is born.
- 2108** Elijah crosses the border from Colombia into Peru and has his first encounter with Nomad and Propater forces.
- 2112** A New Chapter Begins!!
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THE BALLARD FAMILY TREE



Ennoia (Enoah)



Hannah Mayall



Chris Ballard



Linda Orick



Gina



Elijah



Mana

EDEN GLOSSARY

Aeons

The Propater Federation's main forces. Born as a byproduct from Closure Virus research, the virus was organically synthesized with nanotech machines to create a "cyborg" virus (type TH34) which enabled mass production of "unlimited, virtually

unkillable" soldiers. The Greek origin of the word means "era" or "a certain age." In Gnosticism, it means "transcendental godhead or emanation." Christian followers saw them as "angel-like beings belonging to heretical beliefs." There are thirty levels of Aeons from the highest order to the lowest.

Agnosia and Gnosia

Gnosis refers to "knowledge" and agnosis means "unknowing" or "ignorance." According to Gnosticism "we must climb from agnosis to gnosis and head towards the place of the truly transcendental supreme being." In Eden, countries

that have become member nations of the Propater Federation are called "Gnosia," and nonmember countries and regions are "Agnosia." In the interests of spreading "freedom and democracy," Propater forces have launched aerial bombardments against several other countries.

Cherubim

A military-use AI jointly developed by Israel and MIT (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology). In the beliefs of Catholic tradition, it is the name of the second highest rank of angels. In Japanese, they are also called *chiten-shi*. When Adam and Eve were banished from Eden for eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge, it is said that God appointed them to guard Paradise with swords of flame to prevent their descendents from returning there.





Closure Virus

A virus which "closes off" in the resulting illness, the immune system cuts off all things external, causing the organs of the body to harden like marble, and the internal organs and brain, no longer able to metabolize, undergo necrosis resulting in death.

Drug Cartels

In present-day 2003, South America produces resource supplies which are of great importance to the multinational corporations of America and Europe, and so has become the ultimate victim of globalization. For more about this, see Noam Chomsky and his book *What Uncle Sam Really Wants* (published in Japan by Gendai-kakushitsu). To South American countries, the easiest means of obtaining foreign currency is through the illicit sale of drugs, and that is no different in Eden. With its starting point in Colombia, Ennola's organization formed a network with northwest Africa and central Asia, and in the process also formed connections with Nomad. He also has ties with the black market narcotics organizations of the Siberian Yakut, the Chechens of Caucasus, and Indonesia, among others, thus controlling over 40% of the world market.

Ethnic Cleansing

The "purging" of a group of people. The rabid will or wish to see a certain population and its beliefs wiped out. The slaughter of Jews in Nazi Germany is but one of too many examples to count throughout history, but basically there are four forms of ethnic cleansing: by violence, by development, by government administration, and by migration. To take an example from Japan, in the Edo era when the Matsumae clan entered Hokkaido, violent purgings of the indigenous inhabitants, the Ainu, were committed. Later, administrative cleansing was

carried out when the Meiji government forbade Ainu tattoos, necklaces, religious rites, and traditional hunting. The government took their land, forcing the hunting Ainu people to farm on barren land, and they "educated" the Ainu in the Japanese language to "Japanify" them. Developmentally, convicts were sent there in vast numbers to do construction work, and migrants from the mainland turned the Ainu into a minority. Thus we can see each of the four patterns occurring in separate historical periods.

Gnosticism

A Greek philosophy from Hellenic times, it is an ancient thinking particularly born of Stoicism, and when it began it had a fiercely antagonistic relationship with Christianity and Judaism. There are many sects of Gnosticism, and its exact origin is unclear. Gnosticism developed a so-called anticosmic dualism: the idea that this world—the cosmos—is filled with an imperfect evil, and that "somewhere, not-here" exists "the true cosmos of complete light and good." That "this world/cosmos" is filled with conflict, sadness, unhappiness, and inequality is because the "God" who created this world was "mad." The idea that "God was mistaken—we must know truth," (which runs also through Existentialism and the philosophies of Nietzsche, and is counter to monotheistic religions) could also be said to be the idea of obtaining identity. However, at the same time, it has limits as a way of thinking. The explanation is that "the mad God Jaldabaoth is repelled by the power of knowledge, and true salvation lies with the Propater (the supreme being) from the "true cosmos of light and good." In other words, the idea of "driving out the false god, and bringing down the true god" in the end still does not succeed in escaping the concept of "god" in general.

Islamic Alliance

In 2003, the Arab League was repeatedly joining together and breaking apart again, but in Eden when several Islamic countries became aware of the threat posed by the Propater Federation's ever-expanding power, they formed into an alliance as a countermeasure. However, each country has its own expectations, and it couldn't be called a unified monolith.

Nomad

Meaning "wandering tribes." They don't hold any land, and raise stock while continually migrating according to the climate. Their existence is somewhat bothersome from the perspective of capitalism—which is based around profits generated by "property ownership"—and governmental authorities, particularly when natural resources are buried under the territories they occupy. Because they move using fundamentally tribal connections, they have no concept of "countries"

[Continued]

or "borders." Because Western world powers have often drawn national borders according to their own conveniences in places like central Asia and northern Africa, people like the Kurds have been split up into three, and live in a state of discrimination whichever nation they live in. Such people then join forces in pursuit of self-determination and independence, and while repeatedly engaging in armed conflicts, form mutual collaborations with like peoples, creating worldwide networks. However, the "Nomad" which appears in *Eden* is a military organization. Many of its members are born of nomadic tribes and minority ethnic groups, but gradually came to include "cultural refugees" unable to fit in with modern society. Also, thanks to its securities and stock dealings, money trading, illicit drug trade, and black market activities, Nomad has amassed powerful funds and carries great influence.



Propater

Meaning "the first father" in Greek. In Gnosticism, it refers to the "unknowable father" or "supreme father" who is said to be present at the primordial beginning of the universe. The organization which appears in *Eden* called the Propater Federation wants to shift the metaphysical imaginings into existential reality—and with the employ of several geniuses and repeated breakthroughs, rises to become a power empire. In terms of political aims, its goal is Neo-Imperialism under a doctrine of "establishing a world federation government." It preserves a delicate relationship with the Christian right wing, which, although fundamentally in opposition to Propater, has also been taken inside the system.

Propater Federation

This, too, cannot be called a monolithic entity. With its main bodies of America, England, and Australia sending the impression of "Anglo-Saxon global domination" to the world, Greece, Spain, and

several countries of eastern Europe and central and southern Africa were drawn in and inaugurated, which effectively ripped apart the EU (European Union). Russia and China refused to join, so several central Asian countries wanting to cast aside the influence of both countries joined immediately. However, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay were opposed to joining. Western Africa has held off on making a decision because of its relationship with France and opposition from followers of Islam domestically. The same is true of Malaysia and Indonesia. You can fill in the blanks for Japan



Sacrifice Town

A region and/or city abandoned as a result of the Closure Virus Crisis. Some high-density, populated cities were also no exception in suffering this fate. They are closed off like national borders would be, but refugees, homeless, and the like take up residence in them.

The Vatican

The Catholic organizational headquarters inside the city of Rome. It is itself a sovereign state, with the pope at its head. Just as it was depicted in the movie *The Godfather: Part III*, it has a global influence both politically and financially. In *Eden*, naturally, it is of course in opposition to the Propater Federation. It also holds much power in South America where Catholicism is the state religion in many countries.

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AFTERWORD

This happened when I was in a ramen shop slurping up some salt ramen a while back . . . Behind the counter, some part-time kid chopping *char siu* (Chinese-style barbecued pork) quietly grumbled, "Ah! Messed up!" The manager spotted him and said, "You're useless! You're not *fighting for it!*" I don't know how exactly you would slice *char siu* to count as a "win," but I think what he probably meant was: "You're not intense enough about your work." So, anyway, in my head I muttered back, "Nothing comes of fighting."

Looking back, I was never good at "contests." The thing is, I always lost them. How can you be for an American-style economy or the principle of market competition, but then be "antiwar"? No, I hate war, too—but I get really excited looking at model guns and fighter jets. I watch plenty of gangster movies, but I say "no thanks" to making friends with *yakuza*. It's kind of like that mentality. (Wait. Is it? No, that's not what I'm talking about, exactly.)

I used to always think, "Whether you win or lose, what do you get?"

There's a movie called *Raging Bull*. It's a biopic about the real life of boxer Jake LaMotta. Stories about Robert De Niro, the film's star, gaining and losing several dozen kilos are now famous, but that's not where the essence of this movie lies. In the second half of the movie, no sooner does LaMotta become champion than he forgets all he went through to get in shape and eats like crazy. He becomes obsessed with the paranoid delusion that his wife slept with and is having an affair with his own younger brother, and they both come to blows, and the brother abandons him, and his wife files for a divorce, and he defends his crown once more, but the second time he fails so he retires and opens up a night club where he lets in some underage girls without realizing they're minors, and what's worse he gets busted by the cops for pimping them, and the business gets shut down, and his wife who left him takes his house and fortune, and he can't even pay the bail money, and he gets

thrown in the can, and then he finally, pathetically, sinks into doing stand-up routines as warm-ups for strip shows. This is a true story. There's no salvation. This is a movie that made me think, you work hard and struggle to finally become a success, become a champion, and in a split second it's all gone. So . . . without even thinking, "What's a winner? What's a loser?" anymore, I decided my goal in life was to become a civil servant. I loved it. For me—a high-school student at the time—I suddenly thought, "Contests are all empty! In the future, I'm going to take on the not-black-and-white *wabisabi* world!" (The concept of the acceptance of transience.) It may have been a contradiction in thought, but I never caught on to that.

But now, having passed thirty, I think if you're the champion even just once in your life, versus a life in which you just coast through getting "70 out of 100" every time, the former is definitely the more fun life, isn't it? For instance, even if you fall into ruin afterward, the more you experience, the stronger you are to deal with a fall . . . and I think you could go forward in life thinking positively, "Well, there's *this* in life, too." Yes, life has its ups and downs, obviously. I don't have any particular desire to reject "stability," and I myself live a fairly stable lifestyle as a manga artist. But right now, as I sit here writing this in a little café, at the same time in some far-off countries people are dying of war and poverty—and I know that the "stability" I have living in this surreal world is a momentary thing. There's no mistake that what *Raging Bull*'s director Scorsese was trying to say in a New York accent was, "Life and work are like a nonstop steam train. Watching a movie like this is immunization." Maybe. You get in "fights" again and again, you win, you lose again and again, and in the end it's only the ones left standing that say, "It's all in vain. Nothing comes of fighting," and that's how I'd like to end up. Even if that's tomorrow.

—Hiroki Endo October 29, 2003

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